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DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since the area covered by the Community Projects and the National Extension Service is very limited and since it will take five years for those schemes to spread all over, have the Government any scheme to deal with adult education in those areas that are not covered by those schemes? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Voluntary efforts may come into play there."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whereas the old adult education scheme had proved to be fruitless, the Government were pleased to think about the modified adult education scheme. Are the Government aware of the fact that even this scheme, in spite of the enormous amount of money spent on it, has not produced tangible results? In the light of such experience, will the Government drop the proposal and concentrate this money upon the regular education scheme? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This matter will be reviewed after gaining experience for about a year. It has been only recently started. If what the hon. Member has stated is true, certainly we may have to revise this scheme also."

3-40 p.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it the Government view that social equality and justice will be promoted by concentrating material development as well as educational facilities in the same area rather than spreading it in different parts of the district or the country? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, whatever we do has got to be effective. We cannot disperse our efforts in such a way that it does not produce any result at all. That is why we are concentrating in certain areas to find out whether it would work successfully."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there are many adult education centres which worked very well, will the Government consider the question again and revise their decision? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMIANIAM :—" Sir, even now there is no ban on voluntary effort continuing the adult education centres. Therefore they can continue them."

Treatment for snake-bites.

* 1878 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many panchayats in Malabar have been permitted by the Government to incur expenditure on medical treatment for snake bite in 1954 ; and

(*b*) how many of them have been refused permission by the Government in the year 1954 ; and why?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two; for payment of contributions to private institutions.

" (*b*) One. Permission was refused because the medical practitioner in charge of the institution was not a qualified person."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Since deaths due to snake bite are large in number and there is no effective remedy in modern medicine for snake-bite though it has contributed much in other directions (Sri U. Krishna Rao : ' Question ') will the Government set up some machinery to collect the old ' Granthas ' and literature regarding treatment of snake bite and publish a treatise so that the people at large may be benefited and also establish a small laboratory for carrying out experiments? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information about the truth of the claim made by some people to cure people bitten by poisonous snakes. People bitten by poisonous snakes do not all of them die. It all depends on various factors. No scientific test has so far been made on the alleged cures. In modern medicine we have got an anti-venum serum which is effective for snake bites."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in many of the important cities including even Madras and mufassal towns we can see number of persons selling medicine for snake bites . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is about Malabar."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Even in Malabar I have seen that. ' Pambatis ' are selling medicine for snake bites. Have the Government tested and verified whether these are effective and if so, will the Government popularize such medicines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Any person who claims to have snake bite cures can get them tested. Government are prepared to test them."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In order to have effective cure for snake bites like cobra bites, will the Government be pleased to direct the panchayats not to waste money on cures but to refer the whole matter to the ' Poison King ' who lives at Villivakkam. He is a railway station master. They have only to communicate the name of the victim and the time the incident took place to him by telegram. If this is done, we can avoid lot of expenditure on this account." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are so many persons claiming to make miracle cures. I do not believe in them."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER :—" I think the statement made by the Hon. Minister for Health is prejudicial to the Ayurvedic system of treatment. I have personally known cases where snake bites have been cured by the old system of treatment. The Hon. Minister said that people died on account

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of many other factors and not on account of the poison. I cannot admit that statement. Though I am not a doctor, I have gone through some literature on the subject. Therefore will the Government please look into the matter and appoint a Minister. (Laughter.) Yes, Government should appoint Minister to look after the old type of treatment."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is welcome to cherish his belief, Sir. I do not know what exactly he wants."

Poramboke and barren lands.

* 1879 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of poramboke and barren lands in Padangi, Kariyanur and Pasumbalur villages of Perambalur taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—

	Poramboke. ACS.	Barren lands. ACS.
" Padalur	754	753
Kariyanur	499	499
Pasumbalur	592	577 "

Bridge across the Cooum river.

* 1880 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri M. Dharmalingam, is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether construction of a bridge across the Cooum River near the Tiruvallur Railway station has been taken up;

(*b*) if so, the total estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) when this work was started; and

(*d*) when it will be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 2·86 lakhs.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The work was commenced on 17th August 1954 and is expected to be completed by the end of August 1955."

Hostel of Harijan students.

* 1881 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 12th July 1954, requesting them to open a hostel for the Harijan students studying in the Board High School, Chinnasalem;